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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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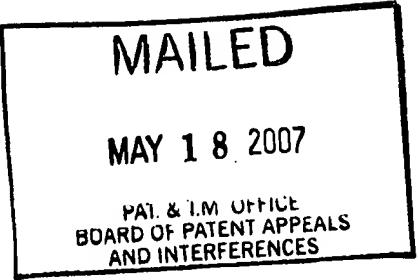
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Ex parte SEIICHI MATSUI

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Application 09/662,323

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on April 18, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed December 4, 2006. It is not clear from the record whether the Examiner considered the IDS or whether the Examiner notified Appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 4, 2006;
- 2) provide appropriate written notification by the Examiner to Appellants of such consideration; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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